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### REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

Patentee respectfully requests issuance of a Certificate of Correction to correct U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") errors in the "Related U.S. Application Data" listed in paragraph (60) of the above-identified patent. This request is made pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §254, 37 CFR 1.322, and MPEP 1480.

The patent, as issued, lists six provisional patent applications under "Related U.S. Application Data." However, the patent should list only two provisional patent applications: U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/427,908, filed November 19, 2002, and U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/512,136, filed October 17, 2003. These applications were listed in the first section of the corresponding patent application, entitled "Cross-References to Priority Applications," and are the only two applications from which the present patent claims priority. The other four provisional patent applications listed under "Related U.S. Application Data" were cross-referenced, without a claim for priority, in the corresponding application. These applications were listed in the second section of the application, entitled "Cross-References to Additional Applications."

The "Related U.S. Application Data" should be corrected by deleting reference to the four erroneously listed provisional patent applications. The requested corrections are shown below, in amendment format, with deletions noted in [[double brackets, bold, and strikethrough]]):

Provisional application No. 60/427,908, filed on Nov. 19, 2002, provisional application No. 60/512,136, filed on Oct. 17, 2003[[, provisional application No. 60/427,910, filed Nov. 19, 2002, provisional application No. 60/512,111, filed Oct. 17, 2003, provisional application No. 60/512,322, filed Oct. 17, 2003, provisional application No. 60/512,323, Oct. 17, 2003]].

The requested corrections should be made on the patent, and the corrected documents sent to the undersigned attorney of record at the address listed below.

Patentee originally attempted to correct the errors noted above, which first appeared in the filing receipt for the application, via a "Request for Correction of Filing Receipt" that was filed, together with the issue fee for the application, on June 8, 2006. The Patent Office issued a properly revised "Corrected Filing Receipt" on June 22, 2006. However, the corrected data does not appear on the patent. Copies of the "Request for Correction of Filing Receipt" and the "Corrected Filing Receipt" are enclosed.

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APPLICATION NO.: 10/716,719	
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", provisional application No. 60/427,910, filed Nov. 19, 2002, provisional application No. 7, 2003, provisional application No. 60/512,322, filed Oct. 17, 2003, provisional applica 17, 2003."	
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The application claims priority from two provisional patent applications: U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/427,908, filed November 19, 2002, and U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/512,136, filed October 17, 2003. These applications are listed in the first section of the application, entitled "Cross-References to Priority Applications."

The application also cross-references, without a claim for priority, a number of other U.S., provisional, and PCT patent applications. These applications are listed in the second section of the application, entitled "Cross-References to Additional Applications."

The Filing Receipt for the application lists six provisional patent applications under "Domestic Priority Date," including the two priority applications identified above, which should be listed, and four additional provisional applications that simply were cross-referenced, which should not be listed.

Applicants respectfully request correction of the Filing Receipt by deleting reference to the four erroneously listed provisional patent applications. The requested corrections are noted in pencil on the attached copy of the filing receipt and in amendment format below (with deletions noted in [[double brackets, bold, and strikethrough]]):

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The corrected priority data should be listed on the patent.

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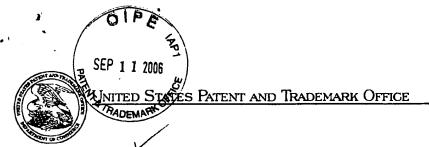
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### Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 02/18/2004

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/716,719** 

Projected Publication Date: Not Applicable

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